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SUBJECT: EASUM'S BILATERAL WITH CAR FOREIGN MINISTER

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM MET SEPTEMBER 26 AT HIS SUGGESTION WITH CAR FOREIGN MINISTER POTOLOT IN THE DELEGATES' LOUNGE OF UN FOR BRIEF TOUR D'HORIZON.

2. BILATERAL RELATIONS: MINISTER PROCLAIMED CAR PROVEN FRIEND OF US, CITING SUPPORT FOR REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND SOUTH KOREA. SAID CAR FEELS NEGLECTED BY US. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR DALE CERTAINLY MAKING HIS BEST EFFORTS, AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE APPARENTLY NOT GETTING THROUGH TO WASHINGTON. US AIDING WEALTHY ZAIRE AND GABON BUT NOT POOR CAR. ALTHOUGH A POTENTIALLY RICH COUNTRY, CAR DEVELOP-
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MENT FRUSTRATED BY LANDLOCKED GEOGRAPHY. CAR PLANNING

RAILROAD TO ESCAPE ISOLATION. FRENCH AND IBRD NOT ENTHUSIASTIC,BUT SEVERAL OTHER DONORS HAVE MADE COMMITMENTS. CAR HOPES US ALSO WILL CONTRIBUTE. IN RESPONSE, EASUM EXPLAINED THAT AID PRIORITIES AS ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS LEAVE LITTLE ROOM FOR PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS RAILROADS.

3. WHEN EASUM SUGGESTED CAR LOOK TO US PRIVATE SECTOR, POTOLOT, AFTER WARM PRAISE FOR GT&E, COMPLAINED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT HAD BLOCKED GROUP OF PRIVATE AMERICANS WHO WERE PLANNING SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT ABOUT A YEAR AGO. UNABLE

TO FURTHER IDENTIFY INVESTORS OR PROVIDE DETAILS, POTOLOT PROMISED HAVE HIS WASHINGTON AMBASSADOR TELEPHONE EASUM WITH BACKGROUND. EASUM PROMISED FOLLOW-UP.

4. PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES: POTOLOT EXPRESSED VERY FAVORABLE REACTION TO SOARES UNGA ADDRESS, INDICATING CAR BELIEVES PORTUGUESE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH IN MOVES TOWARD DECOLONIZATION.

5. SOUTH AFRICA: MINISTER SAID AFRICANS UNANIMOUS IN INTENTION TRY FORCE SOUTH AFRICA'S EXPULSION FROM UN. SAID CAR WOULD CHANGE ITS POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME IF SOUTH AFRICANS SHOWED SOME SIGN OF CHANGING THEIR POLICIES. WHEN EASUM MENTIONED SOUTH AFRICANS CURRENTLY APPARENTLY TRYING INDICATE SOME FLEXIBILITY, POTOLOT SAID ANY SUCH SIGNS IMPERCEPTABLE TO BLACK AFRICA.

6. KOREA: POTOLOT EXPRESSED TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH US POSITION. EASUM THANKED HIM FOR CAR SUPPORT.

7. CAMBODIA: POTOLOT DECLARED CAR FULLY BEHIND SIHANOUK REGIME AND HOPEFUL THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL END FIGHTING. MINISTER UNMOVED BY EASUM'S REMINDER THAT IT IS KHMER ROUGE WHICH IS REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE. KISSINGER

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